

## **Notice of available funding for the creation of new\* faculty-led CALS study abroad programs**

The mission of the CALS Study Abroad office is to ensure students have high quality international academic opportunities. The CALS Study Abroad office provides administrative and logistical support for faculty to develop and lead faculty-led study abroad programs.

Faculty-led CALS study abroad programs are short-term study abroad programs that integrate an international component into the regular curriculum. These credit-bearing programs include an on-campus course for the duration of the semester with an international field trip ranging from 10 days to 6 weeks during a break (Fall/Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, Summer).

The CALS Study Abroad office is pleased to announce a limited amount of funding for travel grants available towards the development and sustainability of study abroad opportunities in the College of Ag and Life Sciences. Approximate amount of funding could be up to \$3,000.

Faculty or staff, with the support of their departments, are invited to submit a proposal for any of the categories listed below:

- 1) *Initial site-visit for a new sustainable study abroad program***
- 2) *Gain experience in leading a faculty-led short-term program by participating as a leader in training***
- 3) *Integration of study abroad into academic advising***
- 4) *Enhancement of an already existing study abroad program\****

Preference will be given to proposals that include elements outlined in the priorities below:

- ***Potential to offer study abroad opportunities in fields of study that currently have limited opportunities: Microbiology, Industrial Technology, Agriculture Systems Technology, AGEDS, Genetics, Agriculture Education and Studies (for example)***
- ***Potential to create additional opportunities in departments with higher student enrollment such as: Animal Science and Animal Ecology (for example)***
- ***Potential to increase diversity in study abroad by increasing participation of underrepresented students***
- ***Potential to develop interdisciplinary/interdepartmental study abroad programs***

All proposals should take into consideration the criteria listed below:

- 1) *Does the proposal contribute towards the goal of providing sustainable study abroad opportunities?***
- 2) *Have you discussed your idea with your department chair? Is your department chair supportive of your interest and efforts?***
- 3) *Are there funds available in your department to supplement the travel grant?***
- 4) *Is the study abroad location you are considering safe, unique and of interest to CALS students?***

Please submit the proposal as a word document to [jcornell@iastate.edu](mailto:jcornell@iastate.edu).

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

In the proposal, please include:

- Your contact information (Name, Title, Email, Department)
- Term you would like to complete a site visit/leader in training
- Term you are considering offering the study abroad program
- A brief description of your proposed program
- An estimated budget of the site visit/leader in training costs and the approximate amount of funding you (grants, incentive accounts) or your department can contribute

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